

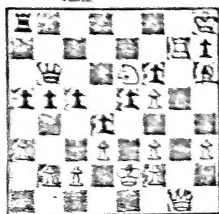
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Move 28 - Black to Move  
 R. Schauer/J. Leitel  
 1987 Veteran's Day Quad  
 Bismarck, ND

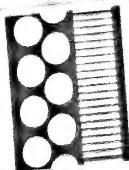
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## 1987 NORTH DAKOTA POSTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

### Final Crosstable

Postal Player & City	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1. Michael Sprague - Minot	X/X	1/1	1/1	1/1	2P*	7
2. LaMoyné Splichal - Dickinson	0/1	X/X	1/1	1/1	2P*	5
3. John Wetsch - Bismarck	0/0	1/0	X/X	1/1	2P*	4 1/2
4. Brent Askvig - Moscow Idaho (formerly from Minot.)	1/0	1/1	0/0	X/X	2P*	3 1/2

### Sprague Captures Coveted '87 Postal Tmt.!

Michael Sprague of Minot cruised to victory in the state's edition of the annual postal chess championship. Five players competed in the "top flight", all are well seasoned postal veterans now! (The 5th player, Ron Schauer of Jamestown, withdrew after four rounds because of business & time commitments. His opponents got two forfeited wins...) Games were very competitive! Players should annotate their best efforts if they wish, so newsletter readers can enjoy. - Special thanks to the postal competitors, it's a pleasure playing chess-by-mail! - (LaMoyné, '87 ND Postal TD.)

### '87 ND Postal Prizes

- 1st: Michael Sprague won a trophy, and \$50.  
 2nd: LaMoyné Splichal won \$35.  
 3rd: John Wetsch won \$20.

CONGRATULATIONS  
PLAYERS!!

1988

### North Dakota Postal Chess Championship!



- \* States chess-by-mail tournament is open to all residents of North Dakota, who are in good standing with NDCA.
- \* Format: Players will be divided into sections by USCF (otb) rating, previous postal experience will also be considered. - Players are set to compete in 6-10 games in a round robin. - If there are alot of entries, the top players in each section will play a 2nd round.
- \* Entry fee: \$10.00 per player.
- \* Deadline to enter, Feb. 7, 1988.
- \* Send entries to:  
 '88 ND Postal Tmt. Director.  
 LaMoyné Splichal  
 141 East 5th  
 Dickinson, ND 58601
- \* Let' Play Chess!

## KASPAROV RETAINS WORLD TITLE WITH DRAMATIC FINALE

Defending world champion Gary Kasparov was defeated by Anatoly Karpov in the 23rd game of there world title match, setting up a must win situation for Kasparov in the 24th and final game. Up a pawn at adjournment of the 24th game, Karparov hung in tenaciously to score the necessary win in what experts considered a drawn position. The exciting 'miracle' win resulted in a 12-12 match tie that saw Kasparov retain the title that most thought only hours earlier would be recaptured by Karpov. The conclusion of this match is already being called the most dramatic in modern chess history. The play of this match has demonstrated two facts...that Mr. Kasparov is truly a champion who can win with his back to the wall, and that former champion Karpov is truly a formidable opponent, even for the best, demonstrating a fighting flair that others were previously wont to grant him credit for. Congratulations to Gary Kasparov for successfully defending his crown, and as well to Anatoly Karpov for forcing Kasparov to earn it all the way.

Joe Gagner,  
NDCA NEWS

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Chess bulletin, Nov-Dec 1987)

### Proletarian Uprising

October 30-31, 1987

@ Pierre Shopping Mall, Pierre, SD.

TD: R. Bezopaletz

PL: Rds. 1-2, 45/2; Rds. 3-4, 40/2.

(Notes by Paul Covington, editor, SDCA Bulletin)

This crosstable will show you the final score but not the "feelings" of the tournament. Before I try to report on the tournament, I want to pay tribute to the man who directed. Reuben Bezopaletz, I thank you for the best run tournament which I have attended in several years. Your attention to the details were the primary reason for your tournament's success. In conditions which were less than desired, you kept things on an even keel — thanks for your super effort!!!

RICHARD HERR, of Wishek North Dakota, beat some of South Dakota's best (we included) on his way to a super performance. Only Norquist was able to stop his romp! Steve won the tournament based on his win in the last round, versus Herr. Only an early draw marred Steve's record. I hope Mr. Herr will honor us again with his special brand of chess.

### PROLETARIAN UPRISING

Chessplayer	Rating	#1	#2	#3	#4	Total
1 Steve Norquist	2075	W11	D8	W10	W4	3½
2 M. Paul Covington	2039	W12	W9	L4	W8	3
3 Gary Wallace	1991	W13	D10	D8	W9	3
4 Richard Herr	1821	W20	W6	W2	L1	3
5 Dan Schmidt	1978	D15	D7	D12	W16	2½
6 Marty LaRoohe	1977	W14	L4	D7	W15	2½
7 Wes Schmidt	1828	W19	D5	D6	D10	2½
8 Rich Schmidt	1969	W16	D1	D3	L2	2
9 Jeff Barth	1931	W17	L2	W13	L3	2
10 Robert Wallace	1857	W18	D3	L1	D7	2
11 William Lemler	1669	L1	W15	D16	D12	2
12 Sigurd Rydland	1672	L2	W17	D5	D11	2
13 Arnold Mathews	1668	L3	W18	L9	W17	2
14 Richard Dorset	1443	L6	W20	L15	W18	2
15 Pete Lukes	1615	D5	L11	W14	L6	1½
16 Ralph Bailey	1378	L8	W19	D11	L5	1½
17 Danny Van Deest	1214	L9	L12	W20	L13	1
18 Kurt Carlson	1178	L10	L13	W19	L14	1
19 Roger Reed	----	L7	L16	L18	W20	1
20 Rick Wipe	----	L4	L14	L17	L19	0

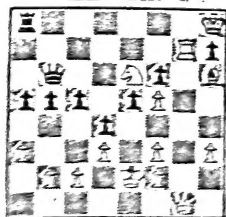
As of late (1987), I have been seeing the chessboard much better. In fact, in the last three or four tournaments, I recall missing only one move that I did not anticipate my opponents making. This makes for a much easier life, as you're not subject to those shocking "Oh my gosh why didn't I defend against that" heart attacks.

The following is a game I played with John Leitel in the Vet's Day Quad. It shows how a "SIMPLE MOVE (P-Q3, Blacks 6th) COMPLICATES PROBLEMS".

Ronald R. Schauer vs. John H. Leitel

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 B-B4 (I passed on my usual P-Q4, as I figured John would know all the angles, as well as I.) 4 P-QR3 P-QR4 5 P-Q3 N-B3 6 B-KN5 P-Q3? (Allows for the ever annoying pin) 7 N-B3 B-KN5 8 B-N5 O-O (I thought a long time between chasing the bishop on the kingside, or other options, as I already decided I was not going to castle. I opted to wait until after he castled, to chase the bishop.) 9 P-R3 BxN 10 PxB: N-Q5 (Give the PxB an : as his N at Q5 looks menacing but is not.) 11 R-KN1 NxB (The kingside attack continues, it is all I know.) 12 NxN P-B3 13 N-B3 K-R1 (A must for Black.) 14 Q-Q2 P-N4 (The queen move prevents unloading the pin, as he cannot play P-R4. He also cannot play P-Q4, springing the bishop until my knight is gone. Can you see why not?) 15 N-K2 Q-N3 (Beginning a hopefully long journey for the knight.) 16 N-N3 R-KN1 17 R-N2 P-Q4 (The moves N-N3, and R-N2, are all part of long process made available by Black's inability to mount a serious attack.) 18 K-K2 P-Q5 19 R(1)-KN1 B-B1 20 BxN PxR (My last seven and next four moves were all surprisingly pre planned and working.) 21 N-R5 RxR 22 RxR P-QB4 (Black attempts to spring the queen.) 23 Q-B1 P-B4 (My queen moves maintains the diagonal, and allows me my double up.) 24 Q-N1 B-R3 25 PxP P-B3 (Again Black must close out the Queen in order to stop P-B6.) 26 N-N7 R-R2 (Under time pressure, perhaps BxN would have been acceptable, as R-N7 is still going to be played.) 27 N-K6 R-R1 (Black preventing mate again.) 28 R-N7: Q-N1 (Here Black could have exchanged QxN, PxQ, BxR, in hopes of some kind of draw chance.) 29 RxP+ KxR 30 Q-N6+ K-R1 31 QxB+ 1-0.

P.S.: As fate would have it, in my very next game with Mike Sailer I missed a couple of moves, saw nothing and was kicked. Complacency is a bad thing.



Position after 28 R-N7.

# CHESS

Veteran's Day Quad  
Rds. 1-2, Nov. 10. TL: 30/1, 15/30  
Rd. 3, Nov. 11, 1987. TD: L. Splichal  
Tmt. in Bismarck, ND. USCF Rated.

1. Mike Sailer	1940	1954	D3	W4	W2	2½
2. Ron Schauer	1955	1951	W4	W3	L1	2
3. John Leitel	1861	1855	D1	L2	W4	1½
4. Dale Sailer	1397	1392	L2	L1	L3	0

Entry was \$2; after rating fee expense, the balance was donated to NDCA.

Congratulations to Mike Sailer, age 16, for winning another tournament!!

## FARGO DEFEATS MOORHEAD IN TEAM MATCH

After the Fargo vs. Moorhead Team Match, October 29th, Fargo will keep the traveling trophy for another year. Fargo rode roughshod over the ragtag Moorhead squad with a 5½-3½ victory. Turning in wins for Fargo were Steve Turmo, Cam Starr, Cal Wipf, Pat Noehre, and Ed Hoyum. For Moorhead, Richard Peterson returned to chess after a couple of years off to upset Jerry Fiechtner, and Phillip Nolte, who hadn't played since 1980, came in with a 1309 rating and spilled Gerald Fauske. Darren Huebner, rated under 1100, drew with Roger Buerkle in a game both players felt somewhat dissatisfied with.

MARK FALK, 2126-DAN  
SCHMIDT, 1855

1. P-K4, P-K3
2. P-Q4, P-Q4
3. P-K5, P-QB4
4. N-KB3, N-QB3
5. B-Q3, PXP
6. O-O, B-K2
7. R-K1, P-B3
8. B-B4, P-B4
9. B-QN5, B-Q2
10. BxN, PxB
11. NxQP, P-KK4
12. N-QB3, P-KN4
13. B-QB1, K-B2
14. Q-K2, K-N3
15. N-Q1, N-R3
16. N-K3, P-QB4
17. N-KB3, Q-B2
18. N-KB1, P-N5
19. N/3-Q2, N-B2
20. N-N3, N-N4
21. N-N3, P-R5
22. BxN, BxB
23. N-B1, QR-KN1
24. QR-Q1, QR-QN1
25. P-QB3, B-N4
26. Q-B2, B-R5
27. P-QB4, P-Q5
28. R-Q3, K-N3
29. Q-K2, BxN
30. PxB, R/1-QN1
31. P-KB3, PXP
32. PXP, KXR
33. Rxx, KXP
34. Q-N2, K-R3
35. Q-B2, Q-QN2
36. P-B4, B-Q1
37. R-N1, Q-B6
38. Q-Q2, R-N2
39. P-R3, QXR
40. Q-R2, R-N2+
41. K-B2, QXQ+
42. NxQ, P-QR4
43. R-Q1, R-QN2
44. R-Q2, R-N5
45. R-B2, R-N6
46. N-B3, K-R4
47. N-Q2, R-KN6
48. N-KB1, R-KN5
49. K-B3, B-K2
50. P-N3, R-N1
51. R-QR2, B-Q1
52. K-B2, K-N5
53. N-R2+, KXP
54. N-B3, R-N6
55. NxxR, BxN
56. KxNP, KxNP+
57. K-K2, KXP
58. RXP, K-Q3
59. R-QB8, R-QB6
60. K-Q2, P-B5
61. R-KR8, B-K4
62. R-KB8, B-K3
63. R-QB8, K-Q2
64. R-QB5, B-KB3
65. K-K2, B-B6+
66. K-B2, B-R5+
67. K-N1, P-B8+
68. K-R2, P-B7
69. KxB, Q-B5+
70. RESIGNS.

DAN'S COMMENTS:  
This is my first tournament victory over Mark in many games. This game is unusual because of Black's kingside pawn and king moves. White was unable to find a sac or anyway of getting to the black king. Black had a very strong move instead of trading queens on move 41 the proper move was q-q6 followed by p-r6 and R-N7+ or B-R5+.

## Dan Schmidt (1855)--Mitch Weiss (2320)

1. P-Q4, N-KB3
2. P-QB4, P-B4
3. P-Q5, N-K5
4. N-Q2, Q-R4
5. Q-B2, N-Q3
6. P-K4, P-KN3
7. B-Q3, B-N2
8. N-K2, N-R3
9. O-O, N-QN5
10. Q-N1, O-O
11. N-QB3, NxB
12. QxN, P-QR3
13. N/3-N1, B-R3
14. N-R3, P-KB4
15. PXP, RXP
16. R-QN1, QR-KB1
17. N-KB3, P-QN4
18. B-Q2, Q-R5
19. Q-N3, NxBP
20. NxN, QxQ
21. PxQ, PxB
22. R-R1, B-N4
23. PXP, BxP
24. K/R-K1, KxQP
25. B-B3, BxB
26. PxB, R-Q6
27. R-RP, P-K3
28. N-K5, RXP
29. NxB, RxB
30. KxQP, K-B2
31. R-Q6, R-B7
32. P-B3, R-K2
33. R/6xP, RxB
34. Rxx, K-B2
35. R-QB6, P-R3
36. P-R3, P-R4
37. P-R4, P-B5
38. K-R2, P-B6
39. K-N3, R-B8
40. K-B4, R-KN5
41. P-N3, DRAW

Dan's comments:  
White misplayed the opening and made several time wasting moves. Surely Black must have had a win in the middle game or a way to win the rook and pawn ending.

## CHESS

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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KARPON'S KEY: "Kasparov had the initiative for 20 or 25 moves. But I think he underestimated 23... Q-B1. It should have been black (keeping control of B1). He spent half an hour on his next move.

The probably should not have played 27... Q-K2, although it was quite obvious and really his only chance to fight for active play. After 30... Q-B1, he should have exchanged queens, but he tried to keep the queens. That made it even easier for me since I had my pieces centralized.

"In the end, his position was completely lost. I'm feeling much better now."

are all embraced if they can be placed in any one of the four center squares. Regrettably, ~~but~~ all of the standard openings are therefore ~~excluded~~, ~~the only way to achieve~~ ~~is~~ ~~by~~ ~~using~~ ~~a~~ ~~share~~ ~~of~~ ~~that~~ ~~vital~~ ~~terrain~~. This may sound like very basic stuff, but it was, without exception, news to them.

If you're beginning to get the picture that these people did not exactly fit your standard profile of a USSR affiliated state association member, then you're on the right track. Yet, all of them became card-carrying, dues-paying members of same.

Where did I find them? Coffee shops mostly. Only three or four were even casual acquaintances. Most were total strangers. I'd carry a small chess set with me (the kind that folds in half forming a box to hold the pieces inside, with the chessboard easily recognizable on the outside), set it on the counter beside my coffee, along with my chess magazines, and wait for some action. It usually didn't take long.

As soon as someone struck up a conversation about chess, I'd ask them if they were a member of the Oklahoma Chess Association, then show them a copy of the OCA BULLETIN. Most of them ended up shelling out the six dollars for the membership dues within about half an hour. I must have an honest face because all of them entrusted their cash to me. I also volunteered to pay the .90 fee for a postal money order and take care of mailing in their application, which I might not have needed to do. But I wanted members, not promises.

In my state, and I assume in your's, the financial well-being of our state association, as well as the size and quality of our bulletin, is directly related to our number of members. In order to publish a bigger, better bulletin, we have to have new members. If you decide to try this method of drumming up some new members for your state association, here are a few tips that might help.

- 1) Carry around a copy of your state association magazine. Make it a part of your gear.

bulletin.

Therefore, none of the people I approached about joining the OCA had ever heard of the bulletin. All of them were fascinated by it. All of them who joined the OCA had to get a subscription to the bulletin.

As this phenomenon repeated itself over and over, I gradually came to realize a few things about casual chess players. First, and most importantly, I learned that casual players are fascinated by U.S. masters. We were fortunate, being so far removed from the centers of population, to have three very active masters in Oklahoma, masters who not only competed often, but who shared their thoughts frequently with annotated games in the bulletin.

For the casual player, the opportunity to see how a master plays a game of chess, and to study these games at their leisure, prompted most of them to join the OCA on the spot. Furthermore, for some of them, the prospect of entering into tournament play, and, through the caprices of fortune and swiss system pairings to actually have a chance to play a game of chess against a master—not ten years from now in Timbuktu—but next month right here in town, was too much to resist.

Now, when I say casual players, I do mean casual players. None of them knew chess notation. None of them had ever heard of a chess clock (This is the dead giveaway. When you ask someone if they use a chess clock and they say, "Chess clock? What's that?" you can bet the farm that they'll not be able to demonstrate the first two moves of the Queen's Gambit). Yet, they love to play chess and have been playing chess for years.

Now, I don't mean to disparage casual chess players. They love chess and I love chess and I love them for their love of chess. But to get them to join your state association you have to do a bit of teaching along with the selling.

So I taught them chess notation. And I showed them what a chess clock looks like, either a real one, if I had one with me, or a picture of one from one of the ads in CHESS LIFE. And I told them about the center of the board, demonstrating how the powers of the Queen, the Bishop, and the Knight

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Thank You! Let's Play CHESS!



# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Fe la la la la la la la la!!!!!! With care that was some GOOD hot buttered rum!!!!!! Christmas past with a New Year rising, and amidst all the spirit, a few words about the season and chess. It is to be hoped that the members find this year's issue a good one, and that it will be a good one for the future. This time please remember that a New Year's resolution is not just for the present, and as well, the future.

We have been through a time of difficulties, in terms of organization and finances, and the dawn of a new year brings hope as changes take their inevitable course. Some renewals, some tourney taxes collected with unanimous support, some lowered expenses, all add up to a better fiscal position for the state organization. As well, a few tournaments in 1988 in the N.D.A. and elsewhere in the state are being held, are helping to prepare for a better future. Never-the-less, there is more that can be done. In the past, I and others have found ourselves frustrated in the effort to obtain more support, and the frustration has led us to make comments in public and in print that do not exactly set a good atmosphere. No apologies will be forthcoming because such comments had to be made to shake things up and to get things rolling towards acceptable results. It is sad to say that, but the proof is that in spite of them, there is still not a lot of action in the form of club-level reaction. Ideas are coming forth, such as my idea to set up fund-raising events (such as car washes, etc., that will be discussed at the state meeting in April.) Still other ideas that will also be discussed, are already being implemented (such as Ron Schauer's idea to collect a tourney tax from entry fees at tournaments.) Ideas, though, are just not enough. There has to be commitment on the part of the entire membership, and there has to be action to back that commitment. And perhaps the best way to accomplish that is to get club level chess to be more active and involved. I don't know what is being done in the eastern part of the state on that score, but out here in the west, things are in a definite lull. The Minot efforts appear to have collapsed, ditto that in Jamestown and Dickinson, and the CDCC is nothing more than a ghost of what once was, hardly recognizable as an organization, at all. The only efforts that are accomplishing anything are at the scholastic level, and that is entirely due to the efforts of a very small handful.

In this season of Christmas Spirit, I would seek to try to heal the wounds of past words, actions, attitudes. It is important for those of us who lead to can the gripes and groans, the anger and moans, to maintain the upbeat and establish the positive. It is important for club leaders to set meeting times and dates in accommodation of the potential members. It is important to try to establish chess events with a higher profile, and perhaps to be less concerned with rated games. It is important that we all try to maintain a pleasant atmosphere at the events that we do have (and I say that especially for myself and others who display our upset at losing.) And it is important to bury past grudges that are self-evident in those who refuse to compete unless their own specifics are met, to the detriment of the rest. We are involved in chess, not Christmas, but at this time of year we could all draw a valuable lesson from the spirit of the season. PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN. We all want this for the entire world. But it can not begin with the other guy. It has to begin with each and everyone of us in our own personal lives, and we have to extend it to everything we do, everything we touch. May the year 1988 be a year of peace on Earth, good will to men. And may it begin with us. All of us. In everything we do. In everything we touch. Including chess!! GIVE CHESS A BOOST!!!

Joe Gagner,  
Editor, NDCA NEWS

## NORTH DAKOTA CHESS HALL OF FAME

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Stephan A. Popel

1983



Olev Kraav

1987



Abe M. Thompson

1987



## Recruit That Casual Fan

by D.L. Birchfield

Last year I was surprised to learn that my home state (Oklahoma) had 386 members of the United States Chess Federation, but only 110 members of the Oklahoma Chess Association. Shocked by this discovery, I set out to correct this imbalance.

In two weeks I signed up fifteen new members in the OCA, a rate slightly better than one person per day. Had I maintained this pace, the number of OCA members would have equalled the number of USCF members in Oklahoma within six months, OCA membership would more than have tripled, swelling the numbers of the state association, making me a cinch to be absorbed into it, at which point I could have absconded with the funds and be writing this today from some cozy, beach-front hotel in Costa Rica, far removed from the long reach of extradition.

But, alas, after two weeks, more pressing demands compelled my attention and some time passed before I could return to my objective.

However, for those two weeks I was an ambassador for organized, recorded, rated and reported local chess. I learned a few things about promoting local chess during that time, and I'd like to pass them on to you.

For one thing, I discovered that people had been joining our state association only when they had to. That is to say, OCA membership is required for nearly all USCF tournaments in Oklahoma, and people join the OCA because they have to to play in a tournament.

In turn, the OCA provides this sharply focused group of deadly serious tournament chess players with a quarterly bulletin (about twenty pages) reporting the results of recently completed tournaments, including crosstables and many games from the events, both annotated and unannotated, using either algebraic or descriptive notation, along with many fine articles by association members reporting and analyzing some of their most outstanding recent tournament games, both in-state and out-of-state.

And all of this, both the playing of the games and the reporting of the games, was taking place outside the kin of the casual chess-playing public. You had to be a member of the OCA to play in a tournament; only members of the OCA received a copy of the state association quarterly

2) Since you have it with you, take a look at it now and then. Learn its contents. Be able to move with ease and facility from feature to feature. Bear in mind that it's a subscription to this publication that's going to entice the casual player to join your association.

3) Don't be afraid to teach what you know. Chess notation, the operation of a chess clock, how Steinitz changed chess and why the Romanticists hated him bitterly for it, even the most rudimentary principles. Clearly presented, might provide the spark that rekindles someone's interest.

4) Don't allow yourself to become bored with basic principles. A distinguished historian once urged his colleagues to "demonstrate that you are doing your best teaching when you are explaining for the 1,000th time how to pursue a topic through the library." The same might be said for demonstrating why it is rarely advisable to bring one's Queen into play early.

5) Don't allow yourself to become easily discouraged. Be imaginative in figuring out a way around any problem you may encounter. For example, if you live in a state where the annual dues are fairly substantial, and, after repeated efforts, you just can't seem to talk a casual chessplayer into shelling out that kind of money, then move to Maryland, Missouri or Montana where the annual dues are only \$4.00 and the problem of money is a much easier objection to overcome.

6) The people you recruit need not have any inclination to become tournament players. It's all right for them to be fans. It's all right for chess in your area to have fans (dues-paying, non-participating, interested patrons, if you will). But the local media aren't going to create them for you. You have to do that yourself, one fan at a time. Now that may sound so futile as to be foolish, but consider this: Each member of your state association, with minimal effort, can easily recruit one new member. Result: You double your membership practically overnight.

Granted, some members are cantankerous, and would refuse to go along (a colleague of a famous nay-saying congressman once said that if he were to hear that his colleague had fallen in the river and drowned, he would begin looking for the body upstream), but some members would sign up more than one and so it would all even out in the end.

7) Casual chessplayers are easy to find. They're everywhere. They share your love of chess. But somewhere they went wrong. While you were learning notation and having your emotions stimulated by the beauty and pathos in the vast library of recorded games, their chessplaying friend had moved away. When you were discovering the thrill of lightning chess, no one in their circle ever came across a chess clock. By the time you were abandoning the Ruy Lopez for the Sicillian, they had forgotten exactly when you can and cannot castle. These are not crimes against humanity. They're merely an expression of a tendency toward aberrant behavior which you can help to correct. The few minutes you spend explaining your state association, showing its publication and extolling its virtues can result in many hours of pleasure for them and some fine moments of satisfaction for you. And U.S. Chess will be healthier for your effort. So go out and find some of them. Bring them back to the fold.

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1988 ND SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

APRIL 9 & APRIL 10, 1988

at the

Doublewood Ramada Inn  
Bismarck, North Dakota

A 5 Round Swiss Pairing System Chess Tournament  
Sponsored by the ND Chess Association & the Bismarck Optimist Club

SECTIONS

High School: Grades 10,11 & 12; Junior High: Grades 7,8 & 9;  
Elementary: Grades 1 thru 6. (Players will play within their  
respective sections unless the number of players in a section is  
less than 10. Players from the same school will not play each  
other unless absolutely necessary.)

PRIZES PER SECTION

1st Place Individual will receive a trophy and  
a 1 year membership to USCF and NDCA

2nd Place Individual will receive a trophy and  
a 1 year membership to NDCA

1st Place Team (4 players from same school all in  
one section) will receive a trophy and a 1  
year membership in NDCA for each team member.

ENTRY FEES

High School and Junior High: \$5.00 per player or \$16.00 per 4  
player team if entered at the same time. These sections will be  
nationally rated BUT USCF and NDCA memberships will NOT BE  
REQUIRED.

Elementary: \$3.00 per player or \$10.00 per 4 player team if  
entered at the same time. This section will not be nationally  
rated.

Registration from 9:00-9:45 AM on Saturday, April 9, 1988. †

ROUNDS

Elementary - All on Saturday	1. 10:00 AM	2. 11:00 AM
	3. 1:00 PM	5. 3:00 AM

Jr & Sr High - Saturday	1. 10:00 AM	2. 1:00 PM	3. 4:00 PM
	Sunday 4. 10:00 AM	5. 1:00 PM	

For more information or to send entry fees, contact: Terry Ness  
1537 Omaha Drive Bismarck, ND 58501 Phone: 222-3965.

LETS PLAY CHESS I I I

Here is something to think about-- WHAT MAKES A PIECE VALUABLE?

1. SCOPE how many squares it controls and how important are those squares in a given position.
2. SECURITY how safe is the piece on the square it occupies. Any unguarded unit is a potential weakness, and causes tension on the board.
3. ACTIVITY how close is the piece to the enemy position?
4. SUPPORT does it have uninterrupted contact with one's own forces. One man in a field is not an ARMY!
5. MOBILITY can it be transferred quickly from one part of the board to another?

The SUMMARY--Chess batteries are modern day battering rams. The supporting pieces protect each other and provide power. CHARGE!

(REPRINTED FROM THE S.D. CHESS BULLETIN)

# 10th BISMARCK OPEN

Nov. 14-15, 1987.

Sevens Seas Inn,  
Mandan, N.D.

TL: 50/2, 25/1.

TD: LaMoyne Splichal.

	Chessplayer	Pre Rating	Post Rating	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
1	Jerry Triggs, Mandan	1975	1999	W11	W-4	L-2	W-6	W-5	4
2	Mike Sailer, Bismarck	1954	1987	W10	W-5	W-1	D-4	D-3	4
3	Richard Herr, Wishek	1968	1948	D-6	D11	W10	D-5	D-2	3
4	Rick Case, Minot	1924	1914	W-9	L-1	W11	D-2	D-7	3
5	John Stanfield, Antler	1943	1925	W-8	L-2	W-6	D-3	L-1	2½
6	Steve Lengenfelder, Bismarck	1494	1531	D-3	W-8	L-5	L-1	W10	2½
7	Clifford Berger, Dickinson	1757	1769	—	—	—	W-9	D-4	1½
8	Joe Gagner, Bismarck	1514	1511	L-5	L-6	—	W10	D-9	1½
9	Richard Dorset, Pierre SD	1456	1431	L-4	L10	BYE	L-7	D-8	1½
10	Neil Wenberg, Minot	1347	1354	L-2	W-9	L-3	L-8	L-6	1
11	LaMoyne Splichal, Dickinson	1705	1703	L-1	D-3	L-4	—	—	½

## \* AWARD WINNERS \*

Mike Sailer - Championship Trophy (on tiebreak pts.), and \$37.50.

Jerry Triggs - 1st place share, \$37.50.

Rick Case - 3rd place share, \$10.

Richard Herr - 3rd place share, \$10.

Steve Lengenfelder - under 1600 1st place, \$20.

Joe Gagner - under 1600 2nd place (tie), \$7.50.

Richard Dorset - under 1600 2nd place (tie), \$7.50.



## 1987 North Dakota Team Championship

December 5-6.

Sevens Seas, Mandan ND

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TL: 50/2, 25/1.

TD: LaMoyne Splichal

	Chess Team & City	Rating	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
1.	Mike Sailer - Bismarck	1987	W5	W4	W6	D2	D3	4
2.	Rick Case - Minot	1914	W6	W3	L4	D1	W5	3½
3.	Jerry Triggs - Mandan	1999	W4	L2	W5	W6	D1	3½
4.	Steve Lengenfelder - Bismarck	1531	L3	L1	W2	W5	W6	3
5.	LaMoyne Splichal - Dickinson	1703	L1	D6	L3	L4	L2	½
6.	Chris Lindseth - Rugby	1257	L2	D5	L1	L3	L4	½

## \* '87 ND Team Award Winners \*

Mike Sailer - 1st place gold medal, and \$13.00.

Rick Case - 2nd place silver medal, on tiebreak pts., and \$9.00.

Jerry Triggs - 3rd place bronze medal awarded, and \$9.00.

## '87 ND Grand Prix Update

There is a close race in the current grand prix contest in the state! The top ten leaders are separated by a thin margin, and a strong tiebreak is likely over them. A tiebreak in Fargo is the next step for the well-worn chessplayers in N.D.

Prizes will be given to the top 3 players; contest ends April 22, 1988. Rules for the ND Grand Prix are in the 1987 Bismarck Open, Nov. 14-15 (1987).

Shown at the right are the top ten leaders in the ND Grand Prix. Many other players have point totals also. - If anyone has questions or advice on the contest, contact LaMoyne. (LS)

Players	Points
1. Jerry Triggs	173
2. Rick Case	172
3. Mike Sailer	161
4. Joe Gagner	151
5. Richard Herr	121
6. John Stanfield	117
7. Ron Schauer	103
8. Leonard Crouse	90
9. Steve Turmo	88
10. Silvano Bentzel	87



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

**CHESSPLAYERS: START PLANNING TO ATTEND THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!**

**WHEN?** April 23-24, 1988

**WHERE?** Doublewood Ramada Inn  
I-94 & Hwy. 83 (Exit 36)  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**WHY?** To compete  
showing your best  
chess skills, a  
goal to win  
the state  
1988 title,  
a class prize,  
or just to play  
a great game!!!

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A 5 round Swiss system,  
USCF Rated.

Entry fee: \$15.00,  
if received by April  
20th; \$9.00 for the  
junior entrants,  
(under age 19).

\$3 more at site.  
(late registration  
is Sat., 9-9:45 AM)

Send advance entry fees to: North Dakota Chess Association,  
c/o 141 East 5th Street, Dickinson, ND 58601 (Ph: 225-8395.)

Stay at the Doublewood Ramada Inn. Call 258-7000 for room rates, etc.

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\* Tournament is open to residents of North Dakota. Players must be  
in good standing (fees paid) with NDCA & USCF. Smoking and computers  
are forbidden in the tournament room. All NDCA/USCF rules will apply.

\* Tournament Schedule  
Let's Play Chess!

Earlybird Speed Chess Tmt., 4/22,  
Friday @ 7:30 pm, same site, \$1 entry.  
Late Registrations: Sat., 9-9:45 AM.  
5 Rounds: Saturday 10 - 2:30 - 5:30,  
Sunday @ 9:30 - 2:30.

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Past Champions  
of the  
N.D. CLOSED ♔

1974 S. Popel  
1975 S. Popel  
1976 S. Popel  
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1981 S. Turmo  
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1984 B. Stearns  
1985 J. Stanfield  
1986 J. Stanfield  
1987 S. Turmo  
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PRIZE FUND AWARDED TO YOU!

- \* \$500 distributed, based  
on 30 players. If more  
players, more money!!
- \* Trophies to top 2 players,  
top class A, B, C, and to  
D-E-Unr. section!
- \* Champion receives free  
entry to "89 ND Closed."

\* Time Controls:

RD. 1, 45, 100, 25/1.  
RDS. 2-5, 45/2, 25/1.

\* 1988 NDCA Annual

Membership Meeting  
Saturday, 4/23, 6-8 PM.  
Please be there, thanks!

## TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

- Jan. 15-16 16th Bison Open  
NDSU Memorial Union, Fargo, ND  
SSS, NS, NC, W, REG: 8:30-9:30 A.M., Sat., RDS: Sat.-10/2/6, Sun.-10/2.  
Open Section: Open to all, EF: \$18 if recvd. by 1/15.  
Reserve Section: Open to unrated and under-1400, EF: \$8 if recvd. by 1/15.  
TC: 35/90. USCF MEMB. REQ. NDCA MEMB. REQ. FOR ND RESIDENTS, ONLY.  
ENT: F-M CHESS, 714 18th Ave., S., Fargo, ND 58103 (701-293-1121 evening),  
ALL ENTRIES \$2 MORE AT SITE.
- Feb. 13 Red River Valley Winter Festival Sectionals and Novice  
Comstock Memorial Union, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN  
REG: 9:00-9:30, Sat. Feb 13.  
SECTIONALS: SSS, TC: 35/90, EF: \$5. Eight players, or more per section.  
PRIZES: Free entry to Red River Open (3/12-13), NDCA, MSCA, &  
CCLA memberships.  
NOVICE: 4 rd., unrated, EF: \$2. Prizes as per entries. Open to unrated  
and under-1300 rated players.
- Mar. 12-13 18th Red River Open  
Knutson Center, Concordia College (east of 6th Str. S. & 9th Ave. intersec.  
Moorhead, MN.  
EF: \$10 if by 3/11, \$13 at site. Students/senior citizens - \$3 off.  
PRIZES: (Based on 30 entries) \$65, 35; 125 in class prizes, NS.  
REG: 9:00-9:30. RDS: 10-2:30-7, 9-2. 4-pt. bye available in rds. 1-4,  
if requested in advance. ENT: F-M CHESS, 315 Dale Ave., Moorhead, MN 5656
- Apr. 9-10 ND Scholastic  
Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND  
(See ad, elsewhere in this issue.)
- Apr. 23-24 15th ND CLOSED  
Doublewood Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND  
(See ad, elsewhere in this issue.)

## HALL-OF-FAMER PASSES ON

The staff of the NDCA was saddened to learn of the death of Stefan Popel. The pioneer, master, and charter member of North Dakota's Chess Hall of Fame died during the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 30, 1987. The officers and members of the NDCA offer our humblest condolences to Mrs. Popel and the Popel family.

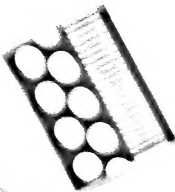
As a pillar of chess in North Dakota, Dr. Popel was a friend and mentor to many of the members of our state organization. In special tribute to the man and his contributions to chess in this state, the NDCA will issue a special memorial issue of the NDCA NEWS, in place of the April-June issue. All members of the NDCA are encouraged to contribute whatever material they can for this special issue. All submissions should be mailed to the editor, Joe Gagner, at the address listed in the officer section of this newsletter. Games, annotations, anecdotes are all welcome. And as well, an invitation is extended to those who knew him well to contribute a line or two, or even a paragraph for inclusion in the memorial issue editorial. All contributions should be mailed by March 15.

The loss of Dr. Popel is a great one indeed. Please, let us make this the best issue ever, for nothing less would be fitting for one who was the greatest member of the North Dakota chess scene, ever.

Joseph Gagner,  
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